

IN TIME OF WAR PREPARE FOR PEACE

A Program:

*TO defend our fundamental
American rights of*

FREE SPEECH

FREE PRESS

PEACEFUL
ASSEMBLY

TO work without ceasing for

EARLY AND
LASTING PEACE

A UNITED STATES
OF THE WORLD

TO oppose legislation for

COMPULSORY
MILITARY SERVICE



“To Defend American Ideals of Liberty and Democracy and to Work for an Early and Lasting Peace”

Our country is at war. Events are moving rapidly. Each day brings new threats against American liberties, new dangers to our democracy. In the heat of war, measures are being proposed which would curtail or abrogate the most fundamental of our constitutional rights.

LET US REMAIN A FREE PEOPLE

The Espionage Bill was supposedly aimed against alien spies, but contains clauses which would kill free speech and muzzle the press. Meetings to protest against conscription have been and are still being suppressed. Speakers have been jailed for criticising the war, and in some cases the police have stopped the sale of peace literature. A campaign of threats and “frightfulness” is conducted in the press against those who refuse to bind their consciences.

SHALL WE ADOPT CONSCRIPTION?

If this were a people's war there would be no need to talk conscription. If free Americans are failing to rally to the cause, may the fault lie not in their loyalty but in the cause itself? Is it American, is it democratic, to force the plain people to fight the war on which they had no opportunity for consent or opposition?

Why should America compel her men to fight in Europe when Australia refused to coerce their own British subjects to fight on European soil? Shall the United States fight this war with conscripts when the British colonies send only volunteers?

Let us know and control our own foreign policy. Each of the Entente Allies has bound itself to make no peace until the war aims of all shall be satisfied.

The Sherman Resolution, just introduced in the Senate, would “bind the United States not to make a separate peace with the German Government—nor with any of the Allies of the German Government.” It demands that no peace be concluded save by the “joint action of the United States and the governments with which it wages war

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OBJECT

To defend American ideals of liberty and democracy in war time, and to work for an early and enduring peace.

IMMEDIATE PROGRAM

1. To defend our constitutional rights of free speech, free press, peaceful assemblage, and the right to petition the government.
2. To oppose the enactment of measures for compulsory military service.
3. To assert the right of the people to know and discuss the aims, scope, and method, of our participation in the war, and their right at any time to advocate terms of peace.
4. To oppose the adoption of any treaty, alliance or policy which would prevent the United States from making an independent decision as to when and on what terms it shall make peace.
5. To urge our government to seize every opportunity for bringing about peace negotiations and establishing international organization as a guarantee against future wars.

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Dear Friend:

You have stood by us -

W. Lawrence Dr. C. H. H. H.

You supported us nobly in the effort to prevent war -

Now the war is on, but our work is by no means ended.

The attendant evils of war must be fought. In the heat of the war spirit we must not permit any abrogation of our dearly won constitutional liberties. We must prepare the way for peace.

The Federation is working night and day - we want you to know some of the things it is accomplishing.

Won't you read the enclosed pamphlet - you will see at once the great importance and far reaching character of the work we are trying to do.

All our friends are standing by us in our efforts to serve the best and abiding interests of our country. Will YOU help us?

Send what you can without delay - no time can be wasted if our efforts are to produce results.

Sincerely yours,

Rebecca Shelley
Field Secretary.

against Germany, and any other governments which may be joined with Germany as an ally, either now or hereafter."

This would make it absolutely mandatory that America continue the war even though Germany abandon her submarine warfare. Must American boys continue to die on European battlefields in order to secure for Italy Albania, Dalmatia and the Greek Islands, or to win for Great Britain Mesopotamia, or to acquire new Asiatic possessions for Japan?

Secret diplomacy prevailing in every nation now at war is conceded to be one of the greatest contributing causes of the European struggle. The Americans have the right and the duty to demand complete publicity on all our foreign dealings.

WHAT THE EMERGENCY PEACE FEDERATION DOES

The Emergency Peace Federation maintains a strong legislative committee in Washington which examines and reports especially dangerous war bills. It demanded and secured public hearings on the Espionage Bill, which exposed its pernicious features. At this writing it is watching sharply to prevent any clauses being slipped in which would endanger free speech. The Emergency Peace Federation also induced the Committee on Military Affairs to hear opponents of conscription in executive session. By letters, telegrams and newspaper publicity it is organizing the vast though inarticulate opposition to conscription.

The Emergency Peace Federation is sending out hundreds of letters warning against the dangers of binding ourselves to continue the war until the Allies are ready to stop.

An immense mailing list is also being built up. The Federation is trying to get in touch with all persons and organizations who are able to see, write or telegraph to Congressmen, write to the papers, or speak at union, lodge and church meetings.

The ultimate purpose of the Emergency Peace Federation is expressed in the title, PREPARE FOR PEACE. Our workers are planning to the end that we may not be found unprepared when the "psychological" moment comes for a great nationwide demand for peace negotiations.

STAND WITH US!



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

To carry on this work costs courage, intelligence and money.

Make the Emergency Peace Federation your weapon of defense, your voice of protest. It has the organization, the courage and the facilities to defend your liberties, to fight for an independent American foreign policy, and make itself heard in the councils of the nation in its advocacy of an early and lasting peace.

WE MUST ACT—AND ACT AT ONCE

Funds are urgently needed, and we must rely on our friends to make sacrifices, if need be, to enable us to carry on the work with all the intensity demanded by the present crisis.

There are two things you should do—and do at once:

1. Sign the Liberty Defense Pledge—make your contribution as large as your means will allow.
2. Send the names of friends who will help to further the object of the Federation.

LIBERTY DEFENSE PLEDGE

I will help to further the object of the Emergency Peace Federation by contributing the following amount to assist in the work of the Emergency Peace Federation.

Name.....

Address.....

Enclosed please find my contribution \$..... I pledge myself to send you \$..... weekly/monthly.

FRIENDS OF LIBERTY

I suggest the following names of my friends interested in peace and the defense of American ideals.

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